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Environment Department to Offer Free Water Testing Friday, October 24 at *Rio Tularosa Water Festival*

(Santa Fe, NM) — The New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) Surface Water Quality and Ground Water Quality Bureaus will be participating in the Rio Tularosa Water Festival this Friday, October 24, from noon to 6:30 pm.

NMED will offer free testing for contaminants in water from taps and private wells. In order to be tested, samples must be at least one quart in volume, freshly taken from the coldwater tap, and brought in a covered, clean glass or plastic container.

The public is also invited to view displays and listen to presentations by local, state, and federal government officials, local businesses and interest groups on the Tularosa Watershed. The event will also include interactive activities for Tularosa Middle School Sixth Graders, as well as Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Graders from Mescalero Schools.

The event will be held Friday, October 24, from noon to 6:30 pm at the **Tularosa Middle School**, 504 First Street, in Tularosa, New Mexico.

The Rio Tularosa Water Festival is a project of the Tularosa Watershed Restoration Coalition.

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